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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 2/7/09 (TOON, M) OR-M
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SUBJECT: (S) CONFERENCE WITH FRENCH SECURITY OFFICERS

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 7 FEBRUARY STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICERS MET WITH VISITING OFFICERS ROGER PUIREUX AND CYRILLE PUISSANT OF THE FRENCH SECURITY SERVICE. THEY REVEALED INFORMATION CONCERNING TECHNICAL FINDS IN LENINGRAD, WARSAW, PRAGUE AND MOSCOW AS WELL AS OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION. THEY REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TREATED AS SECRET AND NOT GENERALLY RELEASED. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MICROWAVES AND THE FINDS IN THE MOSCOW EMBASSY WERE RELEASED IN RETURN.

3. ABOUT A MONTH AGO A SYSTEE OF THHEE MICROPHONES WAS FOUND IN THE FRENCH CONSULATE IN LENINGRAD. DURING AN INSPECTION A SMALL OPENING TO THE ADJOINING APARTMENT BUILDING WAS DISCOVERED ON THE TOP FLOOR. THE FRENCH ENTERED THE SOVIET BUILDING BY THIS OPENING AND FOUND THHEE WIRES COMING OUT OF A SHAFT IN THE COMMON WALL AND ENTERING ANOTHER SHAFT IN THE COMMON
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WALL. BY CHIPPING OUT THEIR SIDE OF THE WALL THEY FOUND WHERE THREE WIRES ENTERED THEIR CONSULATE. BY TAPPING THE LINES THEY DETERMINED THAT ONE MICROPHONE WAS LOCATED IN THE CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE, ONE IN THE VICE CONSUL'S OFFICE AND ONE IN AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. ON THE NEXT DAY THEIR ACTIVITY WAS DISCOVERED BY THE

SOVIETS AND THE MICROPHONES WERE BURNED OUT, PRESUMABLY BY HIGH VOLTAGE. THE MICROPHONES HAVE NOT BEEN PHYSICALLY LOCATED AND THE WIRES HAVE NOT BEEN TRACED.

4. THEY STATED THAT LAST YEAR A SYSTEM OF MICROPHONES WAS FOUND IN THEIR NEW EMBASSY IN WARSAW. THESE WERE DISCOVERED DUE TO THE REPAIR ACTIVITY OF THE OPPOSITION. IT APPEARS THAT THE MICROPHONE WIRES BROKE AS THE CEMENT CURED. THE PARQUET FLOOR WAS REMOVED AND THE CONCRETE WAS CHIPPED OUT TO REVEAL AND REPAIR THE WIRES. THE MICROPHONES WERE LOCATED IN THE WALLS AND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. THE FRENCH STRONGLY SUSPECT COLLUSION BETWEEN TWO OF THEIR WORKERS, A CARPENTER AND AN ELECTRICIAN. ONE MAN IS OF POLISH DESCENT AND THE OTHER IS AN ALGERIAN.

5. MR. PUIREUX RECALLED A TRIP HE AND TWO FRENCH POLICE-MEN RECENTLY TOOK TO WARSAW. AFTER WARNING THE POLICE OF THE DANGERS OF FRATERNIZATION, HE FOUND ONE "IN THE ARMS OF A POLISH GIRL" ON THE NEXT DAY. HE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT ALL THE FRENCH WORKMEN WHO BUILT THEIR NEW EMBASSY IN WARSAW HAD POLISH GIRLFRIENDS AS A MATTER OVER WHICH THEY HAD VERY LITTLE CONTROL.

6. IT WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT FOUR INDIVIDUAL MICROPHONES AND TWO TRANSMITTERS HAD BEEN FOUND IN PRAGUE. THE MICROPHONE WIRES RAN ALONG THE ROOFLINE OF THEIR EMBASSY AND THEN DOWN THE BUILDING INTO INDIVIDUAL

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ROOMS. NO INFORMATION WAS GIVEN ON THE TRANSMITTERS. IT WAS HUMOROUSLY COMMENTED ON THAT THE PRAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIED THE LADDERS THAT THE TEAM USED TO TRACE THE WIRES.

7. THE MICROPHONES FOUND IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW SEVERAL YEARS AGO WERE MENTIONED. IT APPEARS THAT A TRENCHING OPERATION AROUND THE EMBASSY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FIND.

8. THE FRENCH WERE TOLD THE GENERAL FREQUENCIES OF THE MUTS B AND MUTS C MODES. THEY SAID THAT THEY HAVE FOUND NO MICROWAVES IN MOSCOW AND HAVE NOT LOOKED VERY HARD. THEY HAVE THE MASON A3-B AVAILABLE BUT MAY BE TOO BUSY TO USE IT THIS TRIP. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IF THEY WERE ABLE TO GET PERMISSION FROM PARIS, PERHAPS WASHINGTON COULD ALLOW AN AMERICAN SECURITY OFFICER TO LOOK FOR MICROWAVES AT BOTH THEIR OLD AND NEW EMBASSIES.

9. IT WAS ASKED IF STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE RADOMES THAT ARE ON MANY OF THE SOVIET BUILDINGS AROUND MOSCOW. THE FRENCH ARE OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THESE STRUCTURES. IT WAS STATED THAT

SECURITY WAS NOT PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING THESE STRUCTURES.

10. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECENT ANTENNA
FIND WAS RELEASED:

- A) TYPE OF ANTENNA
- B) LOCATION OF ANTENNA

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- C) FREQUENCY RANGE OF ANTENNA
- D) GENERAL LOCATION OF TUNNEL
- E) UNEXPLAINED WIRES IN TUNNEL
- F) POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP IN TUNNEL

11. DURING THEIR PRESENT VISIT A TECHNICAL MEMBER OF
THE FRENCH TEAM OBSERVED A LARGE INSTALLATION OF ELEC-
TRONIC EQUIPMENT IN THE BASEMENT OF A SOVIET BUILDING
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THEIR NEW EMBASSY. NO EXPLANATION
FOR THIS EQUIPMENT WAS OFFERED.

12. MR. PUIREUX MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS HIS EIGHTH
TRIP TO MOSCOW AND THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED NO HARRASS-
MENT. HOWEVER HE REVEALED THAT DURING EARLIER TRIPS
HE HAD EXPERIENCED INCIDENTS SUCH AS BEING PUSHED ABOUT
ON THE STREET.

13. THE FRENCH SAID THAT NOTHING HAD EVER BEEN FOUND
IN THEIR EMBASSY IN PEKING. A REFERENCE WAS MADE TO
SOMETHING THAT ONCE LOOKED SUSPICIOUS BUT TURNED OUT TO
BE OF NO INTEREST.

14. THE FRENCH DID NOT ESTABLISH CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE
DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

IT IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUT NOW HAS 24-HOUR
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COVERAGE BY A SINGLE GUARD. ALL FINISH WORK IN THE
CHANCERY IS BEING DONE BY FRENCH LABOR. MR. PUIREUX
DESCRIBED THE INSIDE OF THE CHANCERY AS LOOKING LIKE
GUEYERE CHEESE AS A RESULT OF THEIR SEARCH EFFORTS.

15. IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE FRENCH PUT LITTLE
EMPHASIS ON "TECHNICAL" SEARCHES BUT INSTEAD RELY ON
THE HAMMER AND CHISEL. THEY ALSO KEEP THEIR TEAMS ON
THE ROAD ONLY BETWEEN TEN DAYS TO THREE WEEKS AND HAVE
THEM LIVE, EAT AND SLEEP AT THE PLACE OF WORK.

16. PLEASE FORWARD GUIDANCE REGARDING PARAGRAPH 8.
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